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Noah Bookbinder, Executive Director
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455 Massachusetts Avenue NW, 6th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20001

RE: MUR 6509
Friends of Herman Cain, Inc. and
Mark J. Block in his official
capacity as treasurer, *et al.*

Dear Mr. Bookbinder:

This is in reference to the complaint that Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington filed with the Federal Election Commission ("Commission") on November 11, 2011, regarding Friends of Herman Cain, Inc. and Mark J. Block in his official capacity as treasurer ("Committee") and Prosperity USA, Inc. ("PUSA"). Based on the complaint, the Commission found reason to believe that the Committee violated 52 U.S.C. §§ 30104(b) and 30118(a) and 11 C.F.R. §§ 114.2 and 104.3(d) and PUSA violated 52 U.S.C. § 30118(a) and 11 C.F.R. § 114.2. On October 1, 2015, the Commission was equally divided on whether to enter into conciliation with the Committee and PUSA. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter. A Statement of Reasons providing the basis for the Commission's decision will follow.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70426 (Dec. 18, 2003) and Statement of Policy Regarding Placing First General Counsel's Reports on the Public Record, 74 Fed. Reg. 66132 (Dec. 14, 2009).

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